



Who is a Living Saint in Your Life and Why?

Essay Contest Guidelines

Submit by: October 15, 2008

"Let us be very sincere in our dealings with each other, and have the courage to accept each other as we are. Do not be surprised or become preoccupied at each other's failures rather, see and find in each other the good, for each of us is created in the image of God." -Mother Teresa of Calcutta

- 1. Contest is open to students in grades 7, 8, and 9. Limit 800 words.**
- 2. Deadline for entries to be postmarked by October 15, 2008.**
- 3. One entry is allowed per student. Student's name, school name, grade and teacher's name must be on the TOP RIGHT HAND CORNER OF EACH PAGE SUBMITTED.**
- 4. Writing must be the original work of the student submitting the entry. Essays entered may not have been published prior to the competition.**
- 5. Entries will be judged on effectiveness in organizing and expressing thought and feelings, as well as originality and creativity.**
- 6. Students should consider the following questions when writing their essays:**

Who do you consider to be a Living Saint and why?

Is there someone in your life who inspires you to be a better Catholic?

What does it mean to be a Living Saint?

- 7. Essays will NOT be returned. Students should keep a copy.**
- 8. All students who submit essays grant CUP permission to publish all or part of their essay.**
- 9. There will be one overall essay winner and a top winner for each grade level. The overall prize is a \$200 gift card. The top winners in each grade level will each receive a \$100 gift card.**
- 10. Winners will be notified by November 3, 2008.**

Questions? Contact Catholics United for the Poor at 513-471-4990 or email cup@4u.net

**Send all entries to "Essay Contest", CUP-Catholics United for the Poor,
P.O. Box 14548, Cincinnati, OH 45250 by October 15, 2008.**

CUP (Catholics United for the Poor), a non-profit coalition of Catholic organizations providing direct services to the poor, is sponsoring this third annual contest to encourage young people to look around and reflect on the good role models in their lives and to learn more about ways they too can help the community and serve the poor.